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Honorable John F. Kerry  
United States Senate  
421 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Commission's proceeding to examine whether home shopping stations operate in the public interest and whether they should be entitled to must-carry status on cable television.

For your information, I have enclosed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (MM Docket No. 93-8) in this matter, initiated pursuant to the specific requirements of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992. The Notice includes a discussion of the criteria to be used in making these determinations and the potential impact on home shopping stations once regulations have been adopted.

Your comments will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosure are informative.

Sincerely,

James H. Quello  
Chairman

Enclosure

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The Honorable James Quello  
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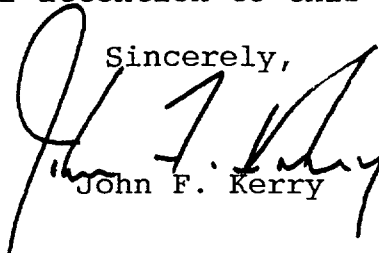
Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing to you regarding the "must-carry" provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 102-385) as they relate to television stations whose programming is dominated by sales presentations.

During consideration of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act, in response to a proposed provision which would have removed such stations from "must carry" status, the Senate adopted an amendment offered by Senator Bob Graham of Florida which directs the FCC to determine whether "home shopping stations" serve the public interest, and to allow a reasonable period of time for stations that are determined not to meet the public interest standard to make remedial changes in their programming. This amendment was offered out of concern that local broadcast stations which the FCC previously determined (by virtue of granting them an operating license) to be operating in the public interest not be denied "must-carry" status because of subjective decisions made about the content of their programming. I am hopeful that the Commission will give full consideration to the Senate's intentions and concerns which led to its adoption of this amendment as the Commission promulgates regulations for the "must-carry" provisions of the Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Kerry

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